

Serving Well

1 Peter 4:7-11

A life that matters _____

How can we serve well?

1. Serve _____

2. Serve _____

3. Serve _____

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: Complete this sentence: "People might be surprised to find out that I _____."

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read 1 Peter 4:7-11. Why do you think Peter starts this section by saying, "The end of all things is at hand"? If that phrase were missing, how would the sense of this passage be different?

How does Peter say we should love each other? What might that look like? What would the opposite of that look like?

What do you think it means that "love covers over a multitude of sins"? (Hint: look at Proverbs 10:12 and 1 Corinthians 13:5)

- Why is this important when we are working and serving together with others in the church?

According to these verses, how should we use the gifts God has given us?

What does it look like when someone speaks out of their own wisdom or serves out of their own strength, versus doing so out of God's gracious provision? How can you tell (in your own life or someone else's) when this is the case?

- What does this feel like for the person speaking or serving?
- What does this feel like for the people around them?

How can our serving others result in God being glorified (v. 11b)?

Other than love for others and a desire to see God receive glory, what else can motivate people to serve?

- Does it matter that people are motivated to serve for the right reasons, or do the motivations not matter as long as they are doing the right things? Why or why not?

How can we pray for each other?